

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

### Status of League of California Cities Ballot Measure

Petitions circulated to qualify the League of California Cities "Local Taxpayers and Public Safety Act" measure for the November 2004 ballot were submitted to County election officers statewide on April 16, 2004. Over a 1.1 million signatures were collected with 600,000 needed to qualify. The Secretary of State will declare in late June 2004, which measures will appear, on the November ballot.



*City Manager Maureen Cassingham*

### Status of County-wide Emergency Radio and Data Interoperability Project

As you know, the Town along with the other cities, County agencies and districts in Santa Clara County have been working diligently since 2000 to achieve emergency radio and data interoperability. Antennas and receivers for Phase I of the radio segment of the project have been installed and phone lines are on order and should be in place by April 30. Phase II will add voting receivers at Black Mountain above Cupertino and at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose. More transmitters and receivers will be added on certain bands at the Hospital and in Santa Clara. The \$19,500 cost per jurisdiction covers Phase I and serves as the local match for federal and other grant funding for succeeding project phases. The goal of the radio project is to assure the ability to overcome voice communications challenges across disparate emergency responder radio bands or channels during a critical incident or mutual aid situation and to create the future capability of day-to-day emergency voice interoperability. Northrup Grumman Information Technologies recently reported on their progress on the computer assisted dispatch (CAD to CAD) data integration project design and their presentation of the project as a potential nation-wide model to the Departments of Homeland Security and Defense for additional funding. The key advantage of our radio and data interoperability project in seeking federal funding is that it is a regional solution with mutual aid oriented governance that uses 'off the shelf' technology. Two architectures are currently being considered for a data interop system along with a three-pronged approach to voice interop including another channel, a county-wide Nextel-like supplemental network tied to existing radio systems and a system for console patches between dispatch centers.

More on operating and maintenance costs will be known before the design is complete which is scheduled to occur on or about mid-August, 2004.

### Comcast Cable System Upgrade Proceeding

Comcast is on track to complete the upgrade of their cable system including the activation of HSI by the end of April 2004. Their new fiber optic technology will be capable of carrying more cable programming, HDTV, high-speed Internet access and more. The construction of "new service" to homes previously unserved will begin in May.

—Maureen Cassingham, City Manager

## AMENDED ORDINANCE ALLOWS SOLICITING

Earlier this year, police in Menlo Park, Los Altos and Palo Alto arrested magazine solicitors on charges of sexual assault, battery, making criminal threats and burglary. The week prior to these incidences, some solicitors representing the same company were directed by the Sheriff's deputies to cease their solicitation in the Town of Los Altos Hills. These events heightened the Town's concerns for the safety of our residents in conjunction with recognizing the rights of a person to solicit merchandise door to door for a living.

On March 4, 2004, the Los Altos Hills City Council adopted an ordinance that amended the Municipal Code to reflect the United States Supreme Court's most recent opinions on the constitutionality of laws regulating soliciting and peddling. The ordinance requires a person intending to sell door to door to apply for a soliciting permit, provide fingerprints through the Sheriff's Office for a criminal history check, provide a photo for a Town-issued identification card which must be worn and clearly visible when soliciting and sign an agreement stating that they will abide by all the Town's laws and the requirements of the soliciting ordinance. Any violation of these rules and regulations results in the revocation of their permit. Rude, aggressive and threatening behavior is also grounds for revocation.

The amended ordinance allows soliciting between the hours of 8 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. Soliciting is prohibited on Sunday. A resident who wishes not to be disturbed by solicitors and peddlers may post a sign at the entrance to their property which clearly states soliciting is prohibited.

Residents may report soliciting violations to the Town's Public Safety Officer Steven Garcia during regular business hours at (650) 941-7222 x242 or the Sheriff's Office at (408) 299-3233 before or after regular business hours.

— Steve Garcia  
Safety Officer, Town of LAH

## YOUTH COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

Ms. Wei Wei Liu was recently appointed Youth Commissioner by the City Council.

Wei Wei is currently a junior at Los Altos High School and is interested in becoming involved with Town government and community through the Youth Commissioner position.

She has been active in high school as the secretary of the Junior Class, president and founder of the Red Cross Club, a singles player on the girls' varsity tennis team, a member of the California Youth Symphony, secretary of the National Honor Society; vice president of the Los Altos Key Club (Kiwanis) and also volunteers at the Stanford Vascular Clinic.



*Wei Wei Liu  
Youth Commissioner*

Wei Wei's goal is to seek more youth involvement in Town government and community activities. Her first job is to update and rewrite the Youth Commissioner's position description. As a contributor to the future of Los Altos Hills, Wei Wei is the Chair of the New Town Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony on July 15th.

Welcome aboard Wei Wei!